



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Kubota *et al.*

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For: METHODS OF ISOLATING BIPOTENT  
HEPATIC PROGENITOR CELLS

Attorney Docket No. 320727.50401

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated December 21, 2004, and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination, and consider the remarks below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.